

SOCIETY

THEATRICAL loving people are always fond of the theatre, and in Honolulu, where it has always been a great expense to bring good talent here, a problem has always confronted the theatre lover. Of course today it is much more simple with steamers once or twice a week and companies on the wing from either the mainland, the Antipodes or the Orient with the usual stop off privileges many very good things have come here and then again Honolulu folk travel a lot, and they are no sooner in a theatre city than the show and musical offerings are the first thing inquired about. So here we have learned to depend a lot on local talent for our pleasure. In the last twenty-five years or more several theatrical clubs have started, and very auspiciously after a while and without much warning the enthusiasm of the members becomes a memory.

The mask and wig started about twelve or thirteen years ago and kept up very well for three years and then it became a memory. In 1915 the Footlights came into existence and they put on several very good plays and in every case played to crowded houses. It is still an active organization and fills a splendid niche in this city and now comes a new club.

In the Footlights the first year Mrs. Frank R. Day was president, the second year Mrs. Walter Dillingham presided and this year Mrs. Alfred Castle fills that important office.

The club just formed has been called Laniakea Little Theatre Co., and it will be almost an experimental school, as so many clubs have proved themselves to be.

Mrs. Roger Noble Burnham, whose picture is in this issue of the Star-Bulletin, has been a member of Prof. George P. Baker's Workshop Co. of New York City, and is well qualified for the task she has undertaken here. Nothing but good plays will be put on, in this one may say toy theatre, and the series of plays and playlets that will be presented this winter will all be for the benefit of the allied war relief. Miss Helen Alexander, by her foresight and keen ambition, has made it possible to put on plays, for at present we are without a theatre here, wherein a large company can be housed. Laniakea is a cozy, homey spot, and here for the next five years, until we have a theatre and auditorium fitting, the wealth and importance of Honolulu, Laniakea will be used. All credit is due Miss Alexander for her enterprise in the matter. The club is extremely fortunate in having Mrs. Isaac Cox take hold of the publicity end, for with her capability a splendid campaign of publicity will be inaugurated, and as every one of the plays put on are wholly for the benefit of the allied relief, they make a strong appeal to our sympathy, and this will be a delightful way to assist. The club gives the pleasure, you get the pleasure and the allied relief gets the money. Can one imagine anything finer or better. This club is to be a stock organization and is here to stay. No member will ever ask you to buy tickets, for they will only be on sale at Gurry's Art Shop and Laniakea, and Mrs. Burnham says it is not to be a hold-up in any way, just plain, clean, good acting by home folk, and here in Honolulu is any amount of splendid talent as has been amply proved in the past.

Punahou boasts a dramatic club, and from it come many of those who are members of the Laniakea Little Theatre Co. Rehearsals are three times a week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs. Burnham is coaching the cast and it gives promise of being extremely good.

Mrs. John Wisser, wife of General Wisser, who will be given a hearty greeting by many Honoluluans as she was a great social favorite while here.



CLUBWOMEN INAUGURATE ENTERTAINMENT FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

In enlisting the aid of clubwomen toward the social entertainment of soldiers and sailors, Mrs. James Rolph, Jr. found her spacious rooms filled to overflowing last Monday afternoon. Nearly every prominent club was represented and the desire to furnish pleasant, wholesome recreation for Uncle Sam's fighters lacked neither enthusiasm nor originality of suggestion. This entertainment committee, which is but one branch of the San Francisco committee for recreation of soldiers and sailors, will confine itself solely to programs of literary and musical nature—not that dancing is to be eschewed in the least, for that will be handled by other committees.

But the intention is to afford variety for men of all inclinations, many of whom long for music and others for the privilege of hearing recitations in which the dramatic,

poetic and humorous may be mingled. The one stipulation of these programs is that they be not "high brow." With the best of intention, a few chairmen of entertainment have, previous to the present movement, offered too much of the classic, both in music and declamation. The "boys" say they want recreation in the real meaning of the word and not instruction, the latter quality being sometimes too pronounced on those evenings where pleasure was expected.

So the clubwomen were enjoined to proffer the "popular" and they will adhere to that advice. Each club will sponsor an entertainment throughout the coming winter, beginning within the next fortnight. Each will select from its own literary and music departments and be in a constant state of preparedness, that Mrs. Rolph's calls upon any special club to furnish a program may be readily met. She has appointed Mrs. E. G. Denniston first vice chair-

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Mrs. Henry Williams honors Mrs. F. Zeave.
Miss Lillian Snyder gives a farewell dinner.
Capt. and Mrs. G. E. Tooley give an informal dinner.
An afternoon knitting club for Red Cross formed.
Fisker-Young wedding in Berkeley.
Card Club Wednesday.
Mrs. Archibald Guild's informal tea.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilder entertain in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Wilder.
Mrs. George K. Larison's bridge-tee.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth McAlpine's informal dinner.
A Country Club dinner.

man and Mrs. Josephine Martin secretary.

Those clubs which recorded themselves last Monday were the San Francisco District Federation, Mrs. Frank Fredericks; City Federation, Mrs. D. J. MacMaster; Presidents' Assembly, Mrs. Louis Hertz; Native Daughters, Miss Alice H. Daugherty; Young Ladies' Institute, Miss Josephine Malloy; Young Women's Christian Association, Mrs. George F. Thurston; Daughters American Revolution, Mrs. Conant Lynch; Daughters Confederacy, Mrs. A. M. Davis; Council Jewish Women, Mrs. Samuel Langer; Reading Committee of Army and Navy, Mrs. Isadore Lowenberg; Daughters of Isabella, Mrs. M. A. Grusey; Association Pioneer Women, Mrs. Helen White.

Collegiate Alumnae, Mrs. E. J. Mott; Century Club, Mrs. Ramon Wilson; Caps and Bells, Mrs. William Crocker; Corona Club, Miss Jennie Partridge; California Club, Miss Margaret Curry; Channing Auxiliary, Mrs. A. L. Hart; Clonian Club, Mrs. H. C. Jensen; California Chapter, D. A. R., Mrs. Joseph Moody; Puerta del Oro Chapter, D. A. R., Miss Suzanne Patch; Sequoia Chapter, D. A. R., Mrs. Benjamin Wilkins; Jefferson Davis Chapter, Daughters Confederacy, Mrs. William Miller; Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter, Daughters Confederacy, Mrs. C. C. Clay; Daughters California Pioneers, Mrs. Millie Bivens.

Daughters of Veterans, Miss Ella M. Clout; Dorian Club, Mrs. J. W. Felt; Delphian Club, Miss E. A. Wing; Forum Club, Mrs. A. W. Scott; Hy-patia Club, Dr. Winifred M. Byrne; La Mesa Redonda Club, Mrs. John Rogers; Laurel Hall Club, Miss Jessica Briggs; Ladies' Auxiliary California Committee, Mrs. William A. Atwood; League of American Pen Women, Mrs. Josephine Martin; Mills Club, Mrs. John Perine; New England Society of Women, Mrs. M. A. Buchanan; New Era League, Mrs. William B. Hamilton; Papyrus Club, Mrs. Wade Williams.

Philomath Club, Mrs. S. S. Kahn; Pacific Mutual Society, Mrs. William Ritter; Pacific Coast Woman's Press Association, Mrs. E. D. Donovan; Players' Club, Mrs. Carolyn Green; San Francisco Musical Club, Miss A. M. Wellendorf; Sorosis Club, Mrs. Sewell Dolliver; California Peace Preparedness Chapter, Mrs. Charles E. Pond.

San Francisco Chapter, Navy League, Mrs. F. W. Colburn; San Francisco Center, Miss Marian Delaney; Sequoia Club, Mrs. Georgiana Wright; Tea Club, Mrs. B. S. Wilkins; To-Kalon, Mrs. H. K. Moulthrop; Vittoria Colonna, Mrs. John S. Phillips; Woman's Auxiliary California Pioneers, Mrs. Joseph Moody; Woman's Relief Corps, Miss Pearl N. Baum; San Francisco Art Association, Mrs. Ira Kahn.

In addition to these activities there are independent centers already in motion where music and reading have been open to the enlisted men for some time. Miss Laura McKinstry has a center at the Palace hotel; Mrs. Isadore Lowenberg maintains one in the Oregon building, and societies such as the San Francisco Musical club and the Pacific Musical Society have furnished much entertainment. The latter club has placed the further arrangement of its programs in the hands of Miss May Sinheimer.—San Francisco Chronicle, August 26.

EVERY ONE KNITTING FOR OUR BOYS IN FRANCE.

It is impossible for the country to overknit. Even if every woman throughout the length and breadth of the land were to knit night and day there would still be a shortage of knitted articles.

A pair of socks last about three days in active service; a sweater may last a month. Sometimes the mittens do not hold out any longer than four hours.

The rumor that the boys are already oversupplied and that they are using the scarfs to clean their guns with or throwing their socks and sweaters away is without any basis of truth.

There is another false rumor on its mad course, and that is the wholly untrue report that unless an article is perfect it is thrown out by the Red Cross and burned in a heap with others of its kind.

There would be precious few articles accepted if only the perfect ones were taken in. What the Red Cross is trying to do is to get the women to knit as well and nicely as it is possible for them to knit, and to measure their articles up to certain regulations, which in the end will tend to bring about the much desired and very important state of standardized knitting.

It is only with the socks that there is any rigid inspection, and even here not a few are accepted which are far from reaching the standard.

It is socks more than all other things that you can knit which are needed the most. As it is now there are about five times as many scarfs knitted as socks.

To cast on double for sleeveless jacket, allow about 120 inches off and cast on with double thread very loosely.

To bind off double, knit first two stitches together, put new knitted

stitch back on needle. Knit this stitch and one more together, and put new knitted stitch back on needle. Repeat very loosely until all stitches are wound off.

Measure socks carefully from tip of heel to tip of toe; mark size on a small white card and sew on socks. Sizes should be from 10 1/4 to 11 1/4.—San Francisco Chronicle, August 26.

WED IN PIEDMONT

The wedding of Miss Hollis Pratt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Landis of Chico, and Lieut. E. L. Norberg took place last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. George H. Springer, in Piedmont. Rev. Charles D. Milliken performed the ceremony and only immediate members of the two families were present. The couple were unattended. Lieut. Norberg is with the engineering corps, U. S. R., and will leave with his bride for American Lake this evening.

Mrs. Norberg is a member of a family well-known throughout the state, her grandfather, the late Dr. Pratt, being the founder of Prattville, Plumas county. She is a graduate of the Chico normal school and has been teaching in Oakland for the past year or so. Lieut. Norberg is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Norberg of Burlingame and before going into the engineering corps was engaged in architectural work.—S. F. Chronicle, Aug. 26.

OAKLAND WEDDING IS HANDSOME AFFAIR ALTHOUGH SIMPLE ONE.

The marriage last week of Miss Anne Elizabeth Crowder, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Crowder, to Lieut. Robert Weber brought the first of last winter's debutantes into the ranks of the young matrons. Miss Crowder's marriage was of great interest on both sides of the bay, as since her debut last year she has shared the social diversions of each community equally.

The wedding took place at the bride's home in Oakland. Owing to the conditions at present which make the simple ceremony preferable, and also to the fact that the bride's uncle, Frederick Schellabarger, was very ill

Mrs. Roger Noble Burnham, who is heading the new Laniakea Little Theatre Co., for the benefit of Allied War Relief.



at his home in Santa Cruz, the wedding was very quiet and witnessed only by a few relatives and friends.

The bridegroom, who has recently received his first lieutenant's commission, was attended by Victor Cooley as best man. The marriage service was read by Rev. Dr. W. A. Palmer of Plymouth Congregational church. Among the close friends of the bride who were present at the wedding were the Misses Lorna Williamson, Elinor McNear, Elizabeth Adams and Jean Wheeler, Julius Weber, the bridegroom's father, played the wedding march for the happy occasion.

Following the wedding supper the newly married couple left for a wedding trip through the north. Since the bridegroom has been assigned to American lake, Mrs. Weber will live

in Tacoma for the time being.—San Francisco Chronicle, August 26.

AN INFORMAL DINNER AT HALEIWA.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. James Dougherty gave a very pretty and informal dinner at Haleiwa hotel. Their guests were Captain and Mrs. Eugene Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Sumner S. Paxson, Miss Maddux, Miss Sibyl Robertson and Captain Howard P. Milligan. After dinner dancing was the evening's diversion.

MR. AND MRS. A. P. TAYLOR'S DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Taylor entertained very informally at dinner on Monday evening in compliment to Miss Thompson and Mr. Henry Lyman who were married during this week.

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